

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Abdel-Meguid, *et al.* 06 October 2006
Serial No.: 10/762,629 Group Art Unit No.: 1646
Filed: 22 January 2004 Examiner: Jiang, Dong
For: RECOMBINANT IL-18 ANTAGONISTS USEFUL IN TREATMENT OF
IL-18 MEDIATED DISORDERS
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated 06 September 2006, setting forth a thirty (30) day shortened statutory period for reply. This response is being filed within said period, and no fees are believed due. However, authorization is hereby given to deduct any fees required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-2570, should any fees be due.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Claims 19 and 27-32 are pending in this application and are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner indicates that Claim 19 is generic to the following disclosed patentably distinct species:

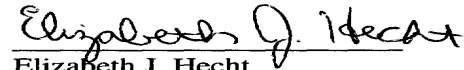
Species I (heavy chain CDR): SEQ ID NOs:12, 14, 16, 28, 30, 32, 44, 46, and 48; and

Species II (light chain CDR): SEQ ID NOs:4, 6, 8, 20, 22, 24, 36, 38, and 40.

The Examiner requires that the Applicants elect one sequence from each of these two species. Upon review of the Detailed Action provided by the Examiner, the Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:12 for Species I (heavy chain CDR) and SEQ ID NO:4 for Species II (light chain CDR), without traverse.

Should the restriction become final, the Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the claims to non-elected inventions, and any other claims supported by the specification. If it would advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to confer with the Applicants' undersigned patent attorney by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,


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